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Commissioners find middle ground after standoff over interoperability radio network

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court met for a special meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 16, to discuss the establishment of a Countywide Radio Interoperable P-25 Digital Network.

officials over the inclusion of funding in a motion to authorize a Request for Proposal.

Prior to the open meeting, the court went into executive session to discuss contracts.

Assistant District Attorney Jon Thatcher advised the court to first vote on whether public discussions of the contracts would be detrimental, then convene to executive session.

The court unanimously passed Thatcher's advice.

Judge Jerry Hogan asked County Clerk Shelli Miller, Lt. Greg Welch of the Sheriff's Department and Thatcher to leave the public meeting room so the court would not have to move into a closed room. The three officers accommodated the judge's request.

Upon reconvening the public meeting, Hogan moved to approve the Digital Network to include \$5 million in funding from the county reserve fund and the remainder through issuance of certificates of obligation, value of obligations will be determined upon receipt of vendor bids for the network.

Silence prevailed after the judge asked for a second.

Lacking a second to the motion, the judge engaged the court in discussions over why the others did not offer a second.

Commissioner Lori Grinnin asked the judge to amend the motion to separate out the certificates of obligation. She suggested one motion to approve the network, and another motion to approve the Request for Proposal that would not include a reference to certificates of obligation.

Commissioner David Magness pointed out that the judge's original motion was dead for a lack of a second.

Hogan offered a second motion to "approve the installation and operation of the county sponsored P-25 interoperable radio network in Rockwall County, where the county would be responsible for the funding, installation and operation of the network; and that will include Rockwall County, Rockwall City, Heath, McLendon-Chisholm, Fate and Roysse City; initial funding will be provided using \$5M from what is now called the reserve fund."

Grinnin asked if the motion commits the court to providing the interoperability before receiving prices.

Grinnin seconded the motion for the sake of discussion.

Magness insisted on separating the issue of funding from the motion. He suggested that the court should move forward for a vote on the RFP.

Grinnin, Magness and Cliff Sevier individually expressed a personal desire to leave the funding out of the vote on the RFP, and vote about funding on a later date after the court reviews all proposals.

Grinnin reminded the others that the court voted to put in a new library, and to build the new courthouse before costs were known, and showed that it's not unusual process.

The second motion failed with Grinnin, Magness and Sevier against.

Magness moved to "authorize the auditor to go forward and present an RFP number 15-1204 which is a request for proposals for Countywide P-25 trumped radio system as presented by RCC." The motion passed unanimously.

Hogan adjourned the meeting.

Local Marine receives house from Homes for Our Troops

Marine Corporal Michael Fox (Ret.), who lost both of his legs while serving in Afghanistan, was one of 10 injured U.S. veterans who recently received homes from Homes for Our Troops during the nonprofit organization's Homes for the Holidays celebration.

The key ceremony, where the veteran received his keys to his new home, took place Dec. 18, according to a HFOT news release.

The newly constructed house features more than 155 adaptations, including widened doorways for wheelchair access, a roll-in shower, full-under countertops and sinks, and other conveniences. It is being provided to the veteran and his family mortgage-free through the support of individual donors and sponsors nationwide, according to the news release.

Fox was on his third deployment when he suffered the amputation of both of his legs in an IED blast in Musa Qala, Afghanistan, on Nov. 15, 11, according to the HFOT website.

The home, the 176th HFOT-provided house awarded to severely injured veterans since 9/11, is located on Herron Circle in McLendon-Chisholm.

"We at Homes for Our Troops do not believe giving a home to a severely injured veteran is charity," Tim McHale, president and CEO of the nonprofit agency, said in the news release. "We believe it is a moral obligation of our society. They fought to protect our freedom and independence, and we are now giving them back some freedom and independence by building them a specially adapted home."



Marine Corporal Michael Fox (Ret.)

McLendon-Chisholm council moves forward on new city hall with vote on contractor

The City of McLendon-Chisholm city council met on Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 2015 in the city hall building on Highway 205.

Council members present at the meeting were Mayor Gary Moody, Steve Hatfield, Gary Lovell, Patrick Short, Jack Pullen and Lee Nichols.

According to the official minutes of the Dec. meeting, the council discussed approving a General Contractor for Request for Proposal 014-02 for building the new city hall.

Short moved to accept Hatfield's recommendation for RA Ramos General Contractors, Inc. as the general contractor for building the city hall. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Gary Lovell voting against.

The Rockwall County News found no record that the Request for Proposal 2014-02 was published as a legal notice in accordance with state law.

Following the vote on the contractor to build a new city hall, the council discussed approving Resolution 2014-07R directing publication of Notice of Intent for the issuance of Combination Tax and Revenue certificates of Obligation. Short moved to adopt the resolution, followed by a second from Hatfield.

The council passed the motion 4-1 with Lovell taking a stand against.

There is no record indicating that Resolution 2014-07R was published as a legal notice in accordance with state law.

The council unanimously passed ordinance 2014-19 adopting rules and regulation for on-site sewage disposal systems and facilities that provides for a penalty of fine not to exceed \$2,000 for each offense.

The city did not publish the required legal notice for ordinance 2014-19 in accordance with state law.

Other agenda items included:

- Presentation from consultants and discussion and possible action regarding the service and assessment plan for the Sonoma Public Improvements District. City Attorney, Leroy Grawunder, explained it was time to move forward with reimbursement to the developer. Boyd London, City Financial Advisor, informed the council that first closing of home was scheduled for the end of December. No action was taken.

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Lewis announces candidacy for Rockwall mayoral race

Rockwall City Council member Dennis Lewis, who holds the Place 4 position, has announced he will be a candidate for mayor in the municipality's upcoming general election.

"After careful consideration and much prayer, Clarissa and I have decided I can best continue to serve our community as mayor," said Lewis, a resident of Chandler's Landing. "I have been honored to serve on the City Council these past two-and-a-half years, and I believe I can be of greater help to my friends and neighbors by leading it."

Initially elected to the council in 2012, Lewis said he chose to run for office in order to give back to Rockwall, where he and his wife have raised three children, all Rockwall High School graduates.

Lewis is a former member of the Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission and currently serves as a city representative on the Rockwall County Emergency Services Corporation's board of directors.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Lewis is vice president of Potter Concrete LTD and has served in leadership positions with the Texas Construction Association and the American Subcontractors Association-North Texas Chapter.

Rockwall Chamber names Ambassador of the Month

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Diane Porter as Ambassador of the Month.

Porter serves as an Independent Certified Health Coach and Regional Director with Take Shape for Life.

She is certified through COPE, a partnership with Take Shape for Life, the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education and the College of Nursing at Villanova University.

Porter, a Registered Nurse, graduated from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Texas Woman's University in Dallas, Texas with a Master of Science in Nursing. She is also an Applied Clinical Nutritionist.

Submitted by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.



Diane Porter



The newly elected officers of the Rockwall County Republican Women will be introduced at the organization's first monthly meeting of the year on Jan. 12. Officers are, from the left, Donna Rolater, treasurer; Ann Easterwood, vice president of finance; Jennifer Jeffus, vice president of legislation; Janice Carson, secretary; Becky Cecil, vice president of membership; Jerry Fisher, vice president of programs; Melba Jeffus, president; and Laverne Kennimer, past president. Not pictured is Francis White, vice president of campaign activities. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington. Speaker will be Ellen Dean, a licensed professional counselor, who will speak on conservative values and stress. All Republicans are invited to attend.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Candidate registration for general election in Rockwall to open Jan. 28

Jan. 28 is the first day to file to run for office in the City of Rockwall General Election, which is set May 9, according to a city news release.

The mayor and city council Places 1, 3 and 5 will be on the ballot, each for two-year terms. Also on the ballot will be Place 2, which will fill an unexpired, one-year term.

The last day for candidates to file for a place on the ballot is 5 p.m. Feb. 27, according to the release.

Mayor Jim Pruitt is eligible to run for an additional two-year term in office as mayor. In addition, Council Members David White (Place 1), Bennie Daniels (Place 3) and Scott Milder (Place 5) are also eligible to run for an additional two-year term, according to the city's charter. John Hohenshelt has served in Place 2 since the city council appointed him, by charter, to fill Pruitt's position after he took over as mayor on Dec. 15. The Place 2 seat will be on the ballot to fill this one-year, unexpired term, and Hohenshelt is eligible to run in this position if he so chooses, according to the news release.

Informational candidate packets are available from the city secretary's office. Paperwork must be filed with the city secretary on the third floor of Rockwall City Hall, located at 385 S. Goliad Street. Packets also may be requested for download on the city secretary's web page at rockwall.com/citysecretary.

For more information call the city secretary at 972-772-6406.

It is anticipated that the city's election will be administered by the Rockwall County elections administrator. More extensive election related information will be available in the coming weeks on the county's website at rockwallcountytexas.com/elections or by calling 972-204-6200.

Early voting will take place April 27 through May 5 at the Rockwall County Elections office, 915 Whitmore Dr., #D, Rockwall.

Election day voting will be run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 9 at the Utley Middle School cafeteria.

Applications for ballots by mail must be requested from and mailed to the Rockwall County Elections Administrators Office. Applications must be received no later than the close of business on April 24.

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CARGO to meet Jan. 8

The CARGO Rockwall Gun Club will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at Soulman's BBQ, eastbound I-30 service road between Applebee's and Lake Pointe Church. Iraq War veteran USAF Col. Stu Mayberry (Ret.) will be guest speaker. Guns and accessories may be brought; however, all guns must be unloaded before bringing them into the restaurant and long guns should be encased to prevent hysteria in the public. CHL instructor Jack Sukenik also will update the group on pending gun-related legislation. Children are welcome; no dues or fees are assessed of participants.

WordPress class set
Jan. 8 in RC

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce will offer a 10-class course on the use of WordPress

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Bonnie Belt

Services for Bonnie Belt, 63, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 9, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 8 at the funeral home.

She died Jan. 1. She and her husband of 45 years, Jackie Belt, met in the seventh grade in San Antonio. She spent much of her time helping others. She loved everyone.

Survivors include her husband; her son, Jamie Belt, and his wife, Melissa, granddaughter Lindsey Belt and grandson Clint Belt; twin granddaughters, Amber and Ashley Belt, daughters of Brandi Belt; a brother, D.R. Barr, and his wife, Cynthia; a sister, Linda Clay, and her husband, Erin; a sister, Sunny Barr; a sister, Donna Walpole, and her husband, Charlie; a brother-in-law, Steve Belt, and his wife, Lynn; two sisters-in-law, Tracey Belt-McDermott and Linda Rautman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Brandi Elizabeth Ann Belt.



Carolyn Browning

Services for Carolyn Browning, 73, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 3, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Larry Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Dec. 30, 2014. Born May 5, 1941, in Blackland to Willy and Margaret Loyse (Woolridge) Wesberry, she was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed traveling, dining out and spending time with her family and friends. She was a longtime member of the South Garland Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Vickie Austin and her husband, Samuel David, of Emory and Rita Edwards and her husband, Greg, of Rockwall; a sister, Barbara Weems of Honey Grove; her grandchildren, Jeremy Ragle, Marshall Knighten, Karen Key and Shawn Edwards; and her great-grandchildren, Juliana Knighten and Olivia Knighten.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Don Browning and Bill Houck; her brother, James Robert Wesberry; and a sister, Sharon Wesberry.



Lonnie 'Rusty' Campbell

Services for Lonnie "Rusty" Campbell, 70, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Jan. 3, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Chad Cavett officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Dec. 27, 2014. Born May 27, 1944, in Roysse City to Lonnie Ray and Bessie Ann (Smith) Campbell, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. After the war he returned to his hometown of Rockwall and began a custom hay-baling business in 1974. Following his retirement in 2008, he moved to Como, where he enjoyed spending time with his mules and participating in trail rides with his friends.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Campbell of Rockwall; his sons, Lonnie Campbell Jr. and his wife, Teresa, of Roysse City and Michael Campbell and his wife, Lydia, of Poetry; his sister, Patsy Schramm of Rockwall; and his grandchildren, Justin, Katelyn, Madison, Mallory, Diesel and Miles Grace.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William "Bill" Frank Campbell.



Dr. Mark Stephen Seifer

Funeral Mass for Dr. Mark Stephen Seifer, 40, of Heath was conducted at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 2015, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Jan. 2 as a result of surgical complications for testicular cancer.

Born June 25, 1974, in Akron, Ohio, to Alexander and Judy Seifer, his family moved to Texas when he was 2 and he grew up in Fort Worth. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1992.



City of McLendon-Chisholm discusses MOU and Sonoma Verde Development ...

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• Presentation from the Rockwall County Open Space Alliance was given by Bob DeJean, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Rockwall County Open Space Alliance. He explained that the Alliance was formed in 2012, and is modeled after the Transportation Consortium. The goals of the Alliance are to "promote and protect the flood plans and the watersheds; connect the open spaces, i.e. walking trails, hiking trails, bike trails, and horse trails.

The group is looking for large open space for a large park or amenity center. The Alliance will start holding hearings for public input.

• Discussion and considering of approving the October 2014 Financial Reports that were passed 5-0.

• City Administrator David Butler reported that Fire Chief JT Williams resigned as Fire Chief effective January 1, 2015, and will remain with the fire department.

Tuesday Nov. 11, 2015 city council meeting

During the Nov. 11, 2014 meeting, the council spent some time discussing the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Gordon Hall and Don Holloway. Later the council was updated on the status of the Comprehensive Plan and Ad Valorem Tax Study.

Attending the Nov. meeting were Mayor Moody, Hatfield, Lovell, Short and Nichols. Pullen was absent.

Representing Hall and Holloway, Chris Cuny expressed the desire to develop approximately 265 acres in the city's extra-terrestrial jurisdiction. Their proposal was for one unit per 1.3 acres density. The average home price would be about \$600,000 per home.

The planned procedure would be to start with a MOU. Following plat approval and streets completion, they would voluntarily be annexed into the city. The land owners requested the city provide 202 sewer taps.

The proposal also included retail/restaurant area which would "add to the sales tax revenue."

Short asked City Attorney David

A 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in biomedical science, he was a member of the Aggie Men's Club and was active with Aggie Awakening at St. Mary's Catholic Center. Following graduation, he attended the University of Texas at Houston Medical Center, graduating in 2000 with his M.D.

He married Jane Ivey, formerly of Sherman, on July 17, 1999.

For his residency in anesthesia, he went to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and finished in 2004. Following his training, he and his family moved to Rockwall, where he joined Metropolitan Anesthesia Consultants. He practiced anesthesia at L.P. Pointe Medical Center I Rowlett, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Rockwall Surgery Center, Heath Surgery Center, The Carroll Clinic Dallas, Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Lewisville Medical Center at several other hospitals and surgery centers.

Survivors include his wife, Jane (Ivey) Seifer, and their three children: Kate, 12, Caroline, 10, and Kyle, 8; his mother, Judy Seifer of Fort Worth; a brother, Jeff, of Frisco; a sister, Andrea Murray, of Sugar Land; a brother, Darren, of Germantown, Tennessee; 16 nieces and nephews and four godchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alex Seifer.

The family has suggested that contributions in his memory may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Center, 603 Church Ave., College Station, Texas 77840.

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beginning Jan. 8 at the Holiday Inn Express in Roysse City. The course will run from January through April. The first class will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fee will be \$500 for non-chamber members and \$250 for chamber members. Registration, which is required, may be made by calling 972-636-5000 or emailing info@roysecitychamber.com.

R'wall Christmas tree drop-off to close

City of Rockwall residents can drop off their live Christmas trees at the parking lot of the Tuttle Sports Complex, 1550 Airport Road, until Jan. 11. All ornaments, lights and stands should be removed from the tree prior to drop off.

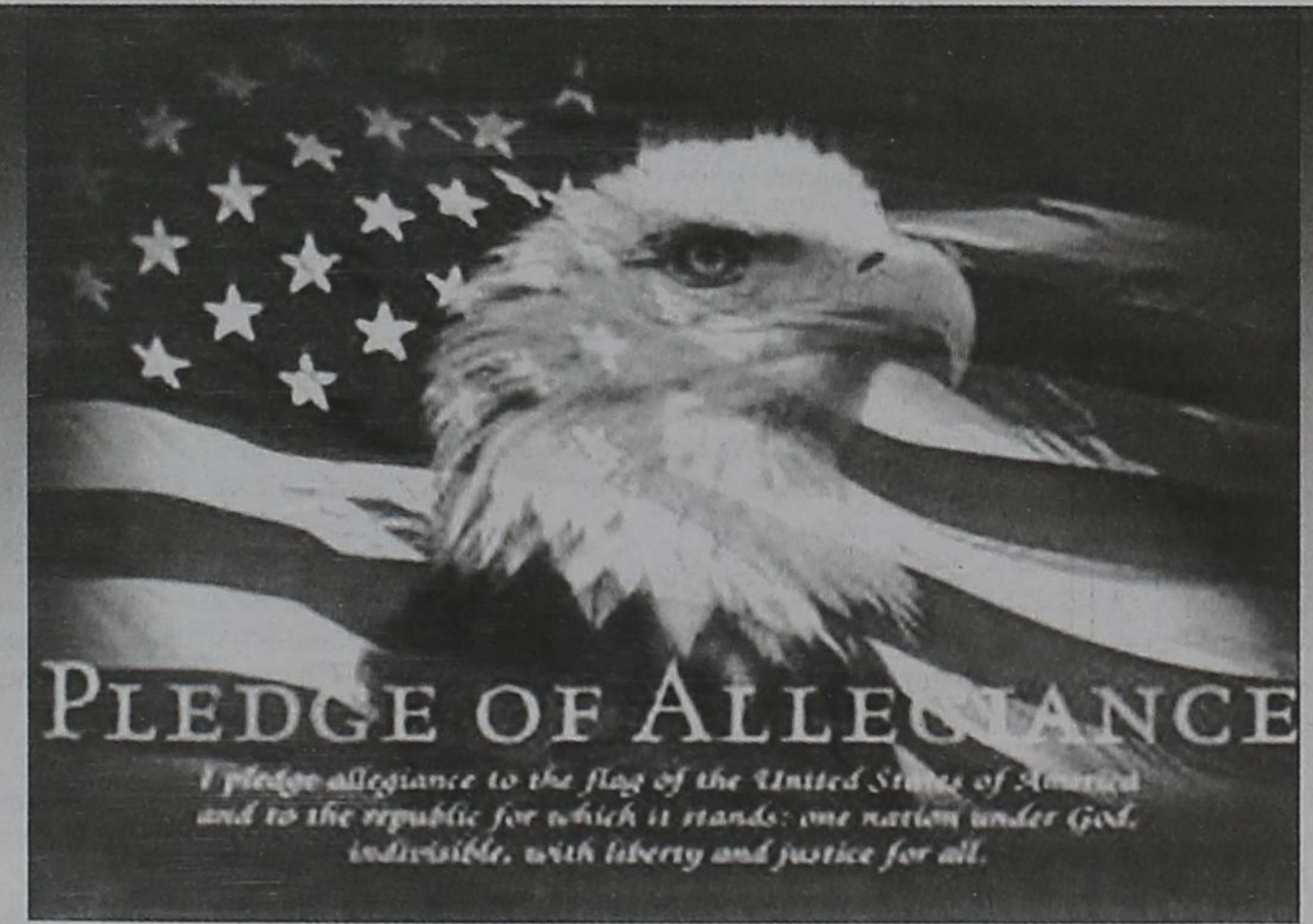
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Roysse City Chamber welcomes Wild Rose Events

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure of holding a Ribbon Cutting at Wild Rose Events on Tuesday, December 9th. Owner Dominic Mattson provides FULL SERVICE event planning and décor for every occasion. Weddings are a specialty area.

Her office is located at 720 E. Lamar St. in Roysse City and she can be reached for consultation at 469-600-3535.



Dr. Gary Frazier

America at the Tipping Point Praying to restore America to a Godly Christian Nation
January 22, 2015 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Everyone is Invited to this Free Event

Dr. Gary Frazier is a highly respected former pastor, conference speaker and author concerning Bible Prophecy and Current Events having traveled to Israel more than 150 times. He has appeared on the History Channel, TLC channel, numerous TV and radio programs as well as being featured in a Vanity Fair magazine article. He has authored a number of books as well as DVD's and speaks nationwide. For additional information you may visit his web site at, www.garyfrazier.com.

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- 37 TX Charley Pride's "Kiss An ___ Good Morning"
- 39 "mouse wrangler's" play thing (3 wds.)
- 43 mob disturbances
- 44 Quaneh Parker's medicine man
- 45 TXism: "got half a mind ___"
- 46 "Star Wars" troop transport (abbr.)
- 47 chili ___ came
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- 53 TXism: "the tail ___"
- 54 TX A.J. Foyt won at ___ Mans, France in '67
- 55 ta daaa!
- 56 rain, sleet, etc.
- 59 TXism: "sticks out like ___ thumb"
- 60 TXism: "___ horn" (amateur)
- 61 dir. to Dublin from Abilene
- 62 nickname for Stuart

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- 3 in Wichita Co. on Hwy. 287
- 4 critter fur
- 9 county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 10 TXism: "short ___ eyebrow"
- 11 TXism: "toe the ___"
- 12 Yale is TX Bush's ___ mater
- 13 when fuel stations drop prices to lure customers (2 wds.)
- 14 this "King" got training at Fort Hood in TX (init.)
- 15 missile defense for the U.S. (abbr.)
- 17 what TX Tech Lady Raiders BB team won in '93 (2 wds.)
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Representative Ralph Hall's service touches many lives

Millie Jean Coppedge
 The Dec. 31 retirement of Ralph Hall, whose service for the 4th District Texas in the United States House of Representatives, brings to mind a wonderful and touching story his life is leaving in its path. The story took place at the Camp Fannin Reunion in Tyler on Oct. 29, 1998, almost 17 years ago. As a part of this story, I would like to share this memory and hopefully bring a smile to Mr. Hall's face along with peace and joy to his heart for the impact he had on those veterans and their families and friends in attendance at the reunion. Camp Fannin was an Infantry Replacement Training Center where more than 200,000 men trained before being sent overseas to fight in a place they could not imagine, often in a place they had never heard of. The camp was open from May 1943 until June 1946. On Nov. 8, 2014, Camp Fannin celebrated its 71st anniversary marking the occasion of the opening of Camp Fannin. There have been 23 annual reunions, where veterans from all over the country who served there gathered together to reminisce their war experiences and meet each other's families and friends. Hall was the keynote speaker at several of these reunions, always speaking of the World War II veterans who served in so many ways and the ultimate sacrifice. His messages were gentle and touching and brought light and hope, often accompanied with tears, to those in attendance. He has a way of reaching right into one's heart with his words and bringing their soul at ease. Hall spoke with such love for the veterans in his country. People love him everywhere he goes. His reputation for honesty and pure sincerity preclude any speech or presentation he makes.

County Commissioners name new elections administrator

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court met Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the historic courthouse on the square in Rockwall. It was announced at the end of the meeting that the Election Commission hired Christopher Lynch to serve as the new election administrator. In attendance were Cliff Sevier (Precinct 1), Lori Grinnan (Precinct 2), Dennis Bailey (Precinct 3), David Magness (Precinct 4), Judge Jerry Egan, Shelli Miller (county clerk), Lisa Constant (county auditor) and Thatcher (assistant district attorney). Following initial recognitions of outgoing Commissioner Grinnan and Judge Jerry Hogan, Todd Williams and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service presented the county with the Building A Better Texas Award. County Attorney Arey of the prosecutor's office reported on the progress of the Court Management System for Rockwall County. A meeting with Southern was scheduled for Jan. 6 to discuss the matter. Arey said the importance of the interface between the Jail System and Southern. If this does not work, then it would be unable to use the Odyssey JMS, put Odyssey and Southern in place or interface between the two JMS.

Rockwall County Director of Planning, Robert LeCroix, asked the Commissioners Court to allow the city to pursue external renovations of historic Rockwall County courthouse located on the square and gets building put on the National Registry. LeCroix said the city would get certification to designate the old courthouse as a Local Landmark Property per the city's historic designation. LeCroix approved, the external renovations would start during the spring. All level public meetings would be scheduled prior to beginning of renovation work. LeCroix clarified that costs would be absorbed by the city. Other agenda items included: Fiscal Year year-end financial report by County Auditor Lisa Constant, reported that 98 percent of estimated budget target was met; bond budget would be available; and the scheduled audit is set to begin in February. The interlocal agreement between the county and municipal judges related to warrants issued for DWI searches during no refusal weekends, funding to pay the municipal court judge in Fate. The action passed.

The interlocal agreement with cities of Heath and Fate related to the interoperability radio system. Assistant District Attorney Jon Thatcher explained that both cities approved the agreement. No action was taken. Convened to executive session. The court reconvened. Grinnan moved to raise the new senior prosecutor position and current senior prosecutor employee pay from level one to level 10 on the step plan. Passed 5-0. Non-emergency budget transfers passed 5-0. Property acquisitions and dispositions A-H passed 5-0. Unpaid claims in the amount of \$382,682.44. Passed 5-0. Unpaid claims in the amount of \$663,406.60. Passed 5-0. Payroll report for pay period ending Dec. 6 in the amount \$600,370.05. Passed 5-0.

the four-day reunion. I was to speak before Hall, then introduce him. As I nervously began to speak, the room became unbelievably quiet and motionless. I told about my mother's brother, William Hayward Reed, age 19, who was killed at the Battle of the Bulge. All of our family had thought that Hayward had gone to boot camp, then was shipped directly overseas where he was killed. Then his body lay in a cemetery in France, until being returned home three years later for an official burial in Coffeerville. I told of the seven years of research I had done on Uncle Hayward's military service, against all family support, and had found that he had attempted to complete his first basic training, then come down with the measles, was placed in a military hospital for recovery, then began his basic training all over again. He had received training in several camps before being shipped overseas, of which the family never knew about. I was able to acquire the morning reports after more than two or three years of being told they were destroyed in a fire, which did indeed destroy many of the WWII records. Morning reports are a daily record kept on every soldier who was wounded, injured or killed in action. But on the day the package of reports actually arrived, I felt as if I had just met Uncle Hayward for the first time. He died before I was born. The records showed that in December 1944 he was shot in the jaw from one side, through his mouth, and exiting out the other side, causing him to lose most of his teeth.

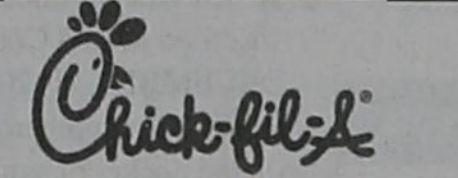
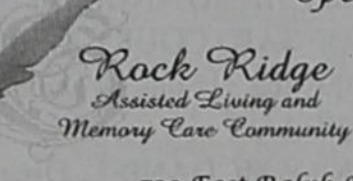



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Comfort one another ... 1 Thess. 4:13-18

What is it to be truly comforted, or to comfort others? When a close friend or family member experiences tragedy, we try our best to make them feel better and cheerful inside. But is that really comforting someone? Dictionaries generally define the word comfort with descriptors such as to bring solace, or relief from affliction. But they do not actually describe what true comfort and its true source. It's okay to not have a solid answer to this question. Comfort cannot be truly explained without turning to God's rightly divided words of life and godliness. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only source of true comfort, by the power from God in heaven. Think of this -- what is the underlying source of dis-ease and anxieties? Read Hebrews 2:14-15 which finishes, "And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." The creator of the heavens and the earth has a pretty good idea of how people think. And He provided the perfectly powerful solution -- salvation and resurrection. Read 1 Thess. 4:13-17 and see great and wonderful details offer true comfort and encouragement that covers every aspect of life. The word "comfort" was translated from a word that meant to exhort or encourage. Isn't this true comfort?

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on DECEMBER 31, 2014, A.D., in this case numbered 8-14-1 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. \$20,150.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROP/MONEY

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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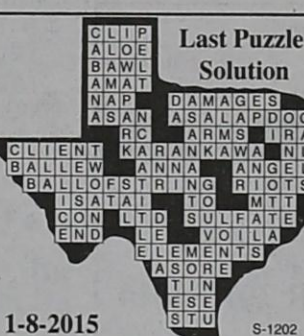
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Said property is levied on as the property of CLIFTON GRIFFIN and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for 14,337.80 Dollars.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 9 day of DECEMBER A.D. 2014.
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ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6 will receive bids for the construction of **GRADING, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODCREEK PHASE 6A; ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS.** Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER (Petitt Barraza, LLC, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson, TX 75081) no later than 11:00 AM, Friday, December 16, 2015. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

The Developer, D.R. Horton - Texas, Ltd. will be the Payor for the contract for Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 6.

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at <http://www.civcastusa.com>; Keyword: 04021-06A20. Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is non-refundable. This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, plan holders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project.

Pre-bid conference for the project will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the office of the DISTRICT ENGINEER, and is not mandatory.

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Opinions

New Math on College Campuses

Phyllis Schlafly
The New York Times published a provocative news story called "The New Math on Campus." No, it's not about the failure of Common Core in arithmetic; it's about the changing ratio of males to females on college campuses.

Long ago when I went to college, campuses were about 70 percent male and until 1970 it was still nearly 60 percent. Today, however, the percentage has fallen to the low 40s on most campuses.

The American Council on Education reports that women have earned 57 percent of enrollments since the year 2000. Women received nearly 60 percent of all college degrees conferred in 2010.

This has dramatically changed social relationships and interactions on campus. Most girls and even some boys do not like this change, and nobody knows what to do about it, and few are even willing to discuss it.

One female student described the new relationship between the sexes like this: "Out of that 40 percent male population, there are maybe 20 percent we would consider dating, and out of those 20 percent, 10 have girlfriends, so all the girls are fighting over that other 10 percent."

Nobody who understands human nature realizes that this situation changes behavior. Girls do not want to get left out in the cold, so they compete for men on men's terms.

This results in more casual hook-ups that are dead-end encounters with no future and no real romantic relationships. A psychology professor expressed this bluntly: "When men have the social power, they create a

man's idea of relationships: more partners, more sex, no commitment."
Colleges claim they grant admissions based on academic merit, and girls come out of high school with better grades than boys. But that doesn't always mean they are smarter or more capable of doing college work or succeeding after graduation.

Boys do far better on average than girls on the SAT test for mathematics, which means that boys are better prepared than girls for STEM majors in college. This has been true every year for more than 40 years.

Nearly twice as many boys as girls attain very high scores on the Math SAT, with an immense difference at the high end. But the job market for STEM graduates is not as good as it should be because of corporations' preference for hiring lower-paid, easy-to-control foreigners on H-1B visas, so many American guys decide that the high cost of an engineering degree is not worth it.

A shocking 46 percent of recent college graduates work in jobs that do not require a college degree. Boys are more likely than girls to look at the cost-benefit tradeoff of going to college. The imbalance of far more women than men at colleges has been a factor in the various sex scandals that have made news in the last couple of years.

So, what's the solution? One solution might be to impose the duty on admissions officers to arbitrarily admit only half women and half men. Another solution might be to stop granting college loans, thereby forcing students to take jobs to pay for their tuition and eliminate time for parties, perhaps even wiping out time for fraternities and sororities. I went through college while working a full-time manual-labor job, and I

don't regret a minute of it; it was a great learning experience.
Another solution would be to reinstate all the men's sports that were cancelled by an extremist feminist application of Title IX, the federal law that prohibits discrimination against female students. The feminists have misused that law to abolish many men's sports in order to achieve a statistical equality between the percentage of men playing on college sports teams and the percentage of male enrollment in college.

The feminists have abolished more than 2,200 men's college sports teams since 1981, such as wrestling, gymnastics, track, golf and even some football, in order to limit the number of male players to Title IX guidelines. That removes a primary motivation for young men to go to college, many of whom want to try out for a sport even if they are not good enough to make the team.

The popularity of the new college football playoff system illustrates how successful men's college sports can be for participants and fans alike. But when colleges eliminate men's sports, women are hurt by the resulting gender imbalance in enrollment.

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They sat indiscriminately on the clearance rack marked down like a hot and percent from their initial price. Hand towels. Not your everyday, ordinary, run-of-the-mill hand towels. These happened to be emblazoned with the letter "P" as in the first letter of my last name. I contemplated my good fortune for a millisecond before tossing a pair in my cart.

A couple bucks later, I returned home with monogrammed towels. Monogrammed towels! I figured I'd finally hit the big time. Never mind they cost like a dollar apiece. It's not everyday you find yourself confronted with the possibility of a monogram. A monogram practically identifies your name - at least the first letter of it. Monograms are snazzy and classy and they look like they were made just for you - or for someone who shares your initials. I hung them in the bathroom and waited for my wife to come over.

Meanwhile, I took the old, worn and tattered towels that had previously hung in the bathroom and tossed them in the back of a cupboard. No need to tell my wife, family or visiting strangers to witness our tatters.

I took another proud look at my new monograms and the metaphor hit me: People are like towels. (Which I realize is actually a simile, but bear with me here.)

We display our monograms for the world to see and hide the tatters in places where they aren't as likely to be noticed. Whether it's a monogram on a towel, a logo on a purse, a label on the back of jeans or a brand name on the back of a vehicle, we work hard to show only our best side when the world's camera comes in for our close-up.

Consider social media. When's the last time someone posted "At a youth sporting event. My kid struck out twice - so far," or "Report cards came home today. Billy got three D's. At least it's better than last semester." How about, "TV dinners again tonight," or "Please excuse the lack of beach photos. We can't afford a vacation this year."

Posts like these aren't going to happen because these examples simply aren't monogram material. They're probably all real and all accurate, but they are not our choice for sharing in public because we consider them our tatters. We don't want people to see our worst; we want them to be aware of our monograms. In all honesty, life is messy and flawed. There's just no need for anyone to know about it.

If you visit, and you use my bathroom, you might note I have monogrammed towels and you might surmise that I have money to purchase monogrammed towels. From there you might jump to the conclusion that I have an orderly and well-organized household where

the laundry is never piled high, no one ever gets angry, homework is done on time every time without any reminders from parents and the towels remain perfectly folded on the rack monogram side out never becoming soiled or tattered.

And if you thought that, you would be wrong. Despite the monograms bought on clearance, I have my share of tatters - and piles of laundry. And it is okay. Even during the best times, life is not meant to be perfect. I've discovered over the years that good can be great and so-so might be the best your going to get, depending on the day. But even when it's two steps forward, one step back, you are making the effort and that counts for something - whether you are monogrammed, tattered or, like most of us, somewhere in between.

And when you have friends and family who love you, tatters and all, it begins to make sense and you understand there's no need to hide behind a monogram. Not really. Even though I still do sometimes.

But I'm working on it.
Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She welcome having readers follow her column on the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Representative Ralph Hall's service...

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I was sent to a Army field hospital for 10 days, then put back on the front line to fight again, despite his painful wounds.
I was severely wounded on Jan. 9, 1945, transferred to the 57th Army Field Hospital and died the next morning.
I concluded by reading a lengthy freestyle poem I had written about Uncle Hayward's short life, noting that he "... would never celebrate another Christmas, he would never know the joy of holding his firstborn child, he would never hear his mother call his name again ..." such a pain filled my heart as I thought about what his mother, my grandmother, must have felt, losing her firstborn son, never to hear his voice again.
Now, this sounds like a story of Uncle Hayward and me. It is, but it is what followed, prior to my introduction of Representative Hall, that is so heartwarming for me.
I concluded and looked up from the podium at the faces around the room. Everyone seemed frozen except for the tears streaming down their faces. There was not a dry eye in the room. I just froze as tears began

streaming down my face, coming from the reaction of those who had just heard my story.

After a long pause, I stepped aside and said something to the effect of "Mr. Hall," meaning it was his turn to speak.

He slowly stepped to the podium, waited, his eyes searching the room, then stepped back.

"I can't follow that," he said slowly, trying to regain his composure, bowing his head.

Never could I ever have imagined that my words could have such an impact on anyone, much less a United States congressman who routinely spoke before hundreds, if not thousands, of people and had spoken at many veterans events. I never will forget the look on his face of sheer pain, agony and sadness.

After the program was over, Hall came to me and asked me to send the poem to him. He said he wanted to read it before the U.S. Congress.

A few weeks later, I received a

call from him. He said that at the closing of the Proceeding and Debates Session of the 105th Congressional Session of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., he had given an explanation, much as I had done, to precede the poem, then read it to the members of Congress.

He shared with me that he had gotten the same reaction of total silence and tears that I had received at the Camp Fannin reunion.

Since Hall told my story and read the poem on the Congressional Floor, both are forever registered in the Congressional Records for the 105th Congressional Session.

Representative Ralph Hall will never know how many lives he has touched during his lifetime. His positive, loving, compassionate demeanor and the words he shares touch people's hearts and often forever change their lives.

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Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE
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The Rockwall Independent School District will accept responses for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposal packages are available on the District's website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/> or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

**BY VIRTUE OF A ORDER OF SALE issued out of the 382nd DISTRICT Court of ROCKWALL County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 1-14-780. On the 2nd day of OCTOBER A.D. 2014, styled: WOODCREEK FATE HOA vs. STEPHEN & AMY GOODMAN, to me, as CIVIL DEPUTY directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 14 day of NOVEMBER A.D. 2014 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday in February A.D. 2015, it being the day of said month, at 1111 YELLOWJACKET LN. ROCKWALL TX of said ROCKWALL County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 2nd day of OCTOBER A.D. 2014, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property:
LOT99 BLOCK A, WOODCREEK FATE PHASE 2-B, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FATE, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET F, SLIDE 163 OF THE MAP RECORDS, ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 701 HICKORY LANE, FATE, TEXAS 75087.
Said property is levied on as the property of STEPHEN & AMY GOODMAN and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for 3,197.22 Dollars.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 9th day of DECEMBER A.D. 2014.
HAROLD EAVENSON
ROCKWALL County, Texas
By A. Kinsey #521**

Royse City Police Blotter Dec. 26- Jan. 1

- Friday, 26 Dec.: Suspicious vehicle, 3000 block Spencer Circle; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Theft, 1000 block Northwood Lane; Suspicious vehicle, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Medical assistance, 600 block N. Josephine Road; Welfare concern, 1000 block Joe Bailey Street; driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 eastbound near the 78-mile marker
- Saturday, 27 Dec.: Medical assistance, 900 block W. I-30 SSR; Alarm, 100 block E. County Line Road; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from the 70-mile marker; Alarm, 600 block Preston Drive; Welfare concern, 900 block Nancy Drive; Medical assistance, 800 block Cooper Lane; Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest, 600 block FM 548; Driving while intoxicated arrest, 1300 block E. Main Street
- Sunday, 28 Dec.: Medical assistance, 900 block W. I-30 SSR; Criminal mischief, 800 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1600 block Fair Oaks Lane; Reckless driver, I-30 eastbound from exit 77A; Suspicious vehicle, I-30 westbound from the 74-mile marker; Driving while license invalid arrest, 100 block Rustic Meadows Drive
- Monday, 29 Dec.: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Medical assistance, 700 block Meadowdale Drive; Medical assistance, 800 block Oak Grove Lane; Burglary of building, 1400 block Hwy 66; Theft, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious person, 300 block N. Arch Street; Suspicious vehicle, Intersection of Lamar Street and May Street; Suspicious person, 1600 block Sams Circle; Noise disturbance, 1700 block Meadowlark Lane; Corsicana Police Department warrants arrest, 200 block Cookston Lane
- Tuesday, 30 Dec.: Suspicious vehicle, Area of Erby Campbell Boulevard; Suspicious person, 200 block High Meadow Court; Welfare concern, 2700 block Spencer Circle; Accident, Intersection of Bulldog Boulevard and FM 5; Welfare concern, 100 block W. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 800 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Alarm, 2500 block Sabine Creek Circle; 911 hang up, 2500 block Circle Lane; Alarm, 400 block E. I-30 SSR; Suspicious vehicle, 100 block E. I-30 SSR

Rockwall Police Report Oct-Nov, 2014

- Homicide/Manslaughter - 1 Nov., Year-to-date 1
- Sexual Assault - 2 Oct., YTD 6
- Robbery - 1, YTD 5
- Aggravated Assault - 1 Nov., YTD 23
- Burglary - 7 Nov., 7 Oct., YTD 80
- Larceny - 55 Nov., 57 Oct., YTD 585
- Motor Vehicle Theft - 7 Nov., 9 Oct., YTD 50
- Family violence - 11 Nov., 14 Oct., YTD 183
- D.W.I. - 13 Nov., 11 Oct., YTD 193
- Teen curfew - 2 Oct., YTD 13
- Arrests
- Felony - 14 Nov., 11 Oct., YTD 195
- Misdemeanor - 66 Nov., 73 Oct., YTD 843
- Warrant Arrest - 31 Nov., 22 Oct., YTD 349
- Juvenile - 8 Nov., 5 Oct., YTD 70
- Dispatch calls for service - 1326 Nov., 1493 Oct., YTD 16,065
- Injury - 19 Nov., 11 Oct., YTD 128
- (Injuries) - 25 Nov., 21 Oct., YTD 179
- Non-injury - 49 Nov., 54 Oct., YTD 497
- Fatality - 0, YTD 1
- False Alarms
- Resident alarms - 57 Nov., 64 Oct., YTD 647
- Business alarms - 117 Nov., 116 Oct., YTD 1409
- Estimated cost - \$2731.80 Nov., \$2826 Oct., YTD \$32,279.20
- Rockwall Narcotics Unit handled 5 cases, 3 arrests and 1 arrest warrant; seized 24 grams of Methamphetamine, 4.3 grams of Cocaine, 1 one weapon.

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Fulton Falcons improve to 1-1 in district play

The Fulton School finished the 2014 portion of its boys' basketball schedule with a 62-42 victory over Longview Christian School at Forney Sports Center.

The Falcons (2-3 overall) led throughout the game Dec. 18 to even their TAPPS District 3-1A record at 1-1.

Fulton outscored Longview 15-8 in the first quarter, and led 28-20 at halftime.

"I feel really good after the Longview game," said Falcons head coach Mike Morris. "We played so much better as a team. I'm encouraged by that."

"They didn't see the defensive rotations in a live setting until we started playing games because with only nine players, that make practicing and scrimmaging a lot more difficult."

In addition, Levi Barnard and T.J. Woolridge, two of Fulton's three seniors, have been bothered by shin splints. The 6-foot-2 Woolridge is the only Falcon 6 feet or taller.

Morris said, "With our lack of size, we need to run. Playing stronger defense enables us to run."

Fulton was scheduled to open the new year with a district game, Tuesday at Dallas International School.

That would be part of four TAPPS 3-1A games in 11 days - including Friday at home at Forney Sports Center against Waxahachie Preparatory Academy, Tuesday at home against Dallas Inspired Vision Academy and Friday, Jan. 16, at Nacogdoches Regents Academy. All of those games would start at 7 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Longview	8	12	6	16	42
Fulton	15	13	18	16	62



Royce City Bulldogs Junior Cooper Abdo (23) and Devante Alexander (22) dominate on the rebound against South Garland, Fri. Jan. 2 in Garland. Assisting in the play is Derek Haumpy (24).

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that is their right and duty to be at all times armed and that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of press.

Thomas Jefferson

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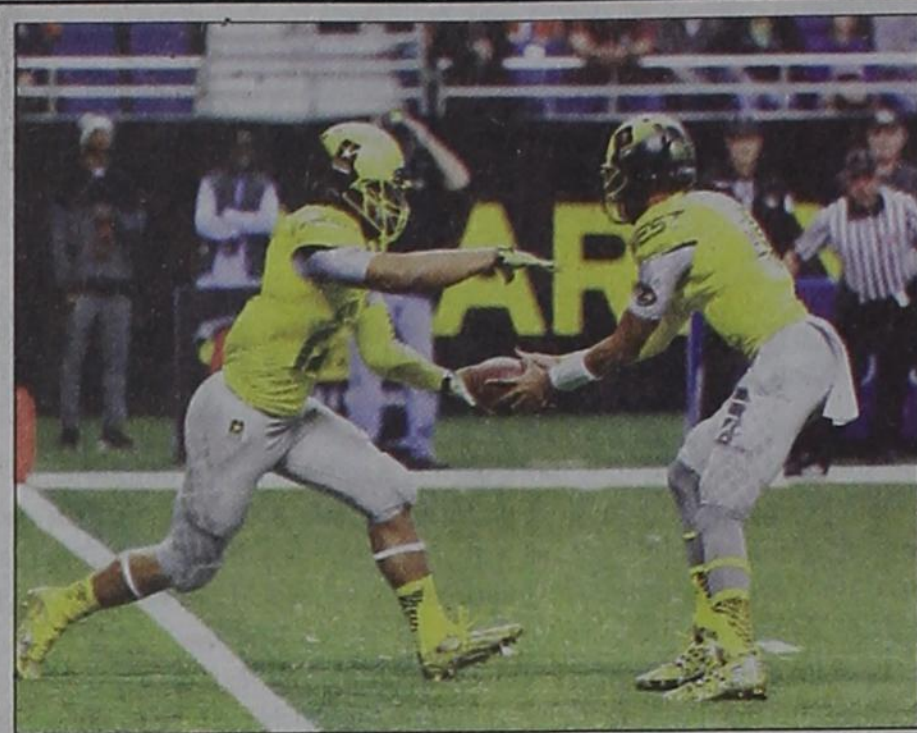
Transportation Code Section 545.351 Maximum Speed Requirement, and Section 545.352 Prima Facie Speed Limits, do not include language that designates the violation of a posted speed limit to be a prosecutable criminal offense punishable by a fine.

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Ava Nelson (right) with her son Jim



Chris Warren (25) of Rockwall takes a hand-off from Ricky Town (18) of Thousand Oaks, California, Sat. Jan. 3, 2015, during the U.S. Army All American Bowl Game at the Alamodome in San Antonio. According to statistics provided by the All American Games, Warren logged six times carries for 5 yards (with 1 fumble); 1 reception and 1 tackle.

Photo courtesy of All American Games/Rockwall County News

Royce City girls win, boys lose vs. South Garland

The Royce City boys' basketball team spent much of the game Friday, Jan. 2, trying to catch up, but merely came close in a 51-42 loss in its District 12-5A opening game at South Garland.

On the same night, the RC girls played at home and routed South Garland 74-29. Four Lady Bulldogs reached double figures in scoring, led by Alexis Wanton's 16, as they improved to 2-1 in the district.

The boys fell behind 4-0 in the first 3 minutes, but came back within a point on Joseph Steffen's half-court 3-point shot as the first quarter ended. The Colonels led by as many as six points in the second quarter, but Steffen's free throw 9 seconds before halftime brought RC back within 3 points at 25-22.

DeVante Alexander's 3-point play pulled the Bulldogs even at 25-25 in the third quarter, but South Garland went on a 16-5 roll to lead 41-30 entering the fourth quarter.

Again RC battled back within 3 points at 43-40, but the Dawgs missed their next seven shots without coming down with a rebound, allowing South Garland to escape with a victory.

"We got beat on the boards," Royce City head coach Anthony Howerton said. Unofficial statistics credited the Bulldogs' players with just 17 rebounds.

"I thought we were going to win this game," Howerton said. "This was by far (South Garland's) best game. We had to full-court press them at the end, and that's not what we want to do because they're so athletic."

The teams' District 12-5A schedules are picking up intensity. Over an 11-day span, games were scheduled Tuesday against Mesquite Potet Tuesday (Bulldogs home, Lady Bulldogs), Terrell Friday (girls home, boys on the road), next Tuesday Rockwall-Heath (boys home, girls road) and Friday, Jan. 16 West Mesquite (girls home, boys road). The games are at 7 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS boys	11	11	8	12	42
South Garland	12	13	16	10	51

RCHS - Joseph Steffen 13, DeVante Alexander 8, Derek Haumpy 7, Jared Richardson 6, Ben Yelverton 4, Matt Briceno 2, Cooper Abdo 2.

South Garland - Jerminic Smith 16, Zarious Moffett 13, Billy Gilmore 8, Giovanni Flores 6, Savian Coleman 6, Landen Stephens 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
South Garland	0	8	8	13	29
RCHS girls	19	23	17	15	74

South Garland - Tiffany Shaw 15, Zonyia Hill 5, Kiara Freeman 3, Mercedes Martinez 2, August Newhouse 2, Jacarra Sedberry 2.

RCHS - Alexis Wanton 16, Daryn McMinn 12, Belle Munoz 12, Emily Pratt 10, Melanie Sumrow 6, Morgan Sumrow 5, Jasmine Escobedo 4, Jaime Williams 4, Sanford 3, Emma Fortier 2.

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- Fate - Fate Grocery Store.

Heath, Rockwall girls begin new year with district wins

by Ryan Garrett

The Lady Hawks and Lady Jackets began 2015 with wins over district opponents on their home courts Friday, January 2. Rockwall-Heath defeated North Forney 47-44 while Rockwall overpowered Garland Naaman Forest 65-28.

The Hawks (9-7, 2-1) got off to a quick start at home Friday afternoon taking a 12-8 lead after the first quarter. The Falcons (4-8, 1-2) took control of the second, however, outscoring Heath 15-5 and taking a 17 lead into the break. After a competitive third, the Lady Hawks won on a 16-4 run in the fourth quarter for the 47-44 victory.

Long Beach State commit Katie Webster led all scoring with 23, Ally Hoy added 10 and Nicole Gleason chipped in eight. Also scoring for Lady Hawks were Kendall Williams (four) and Caitlyn Lozano (two).

After hosting Royce City Tuesday, Rockwall-Heath will travel to South Garland on Friday for a 7 p.m. contest.

In an evening contest at the RHS gymnasium, Rockwall (15-5, 2-2) took full control from the start, jumping to a 20-5 lead at one, 32-13 half, and never trailing. The Lady Jackets tacked on 19 in the third, 14 in the fourth for the 65-28 win over the Rangers (5-14, 1-2).

Mandi McMillian led Rockwall with 18 points and five offensive rebounds, while Sara Williamson put up 10 points, three rebounds, steals and 11 assists. Rachel Farrow added nine points, Krystal Centre had seven, Cathryn Deshong and Haley Hicks chipped in six and Jay Ramirez added five. Cassie Ross and Mya Culver each contributed 10 points.

The Jackets traveled to Sachse on Tuesday, and will host Rowlett tomorrow. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Heath remains unbeaten, Jackets fall short in district opener

by Ryan Garrett

The Heath Hawks basketball team extended their unbeaten streak to 10 games Friday, January 2 as they defeated North Forney 64-42 in Forney to open 12-5A competition.

Heath (15-0, 1-0) is ranked number 10 in the latest poll released by TABC (Texas Association of Basketball Coaches). The Hawks led 25-14 at the half, and a 23-point fourth quarter put the game out of reach for North Forney (1-6, 0-1).

Cameron Talley led all scoring with 14 points, while Jackson Zivney added 10 and Keldon Pruitt put up eight. Maison Abmas, Jeremy Sandidge and Tyler Zivney each chipped in seven for Heath.

The Hawks traveled to West Mesquite Tuesday, and will host North Forney Jackrabbits Friday at 7 p.m.

Rockwall High School opened the new year with the beginning of 6A competition as they hosted Garland Naaman Forest Friday, January 2 at the RHS gymnasium. In a hard-fought match, the Jackets fell just short 65-62.

Rockwall (5-11, 0-1) jumped in front with a 25-14 lead after the first period, but were outscored by the Rangers (3-10, 1-0) in the remaining three quarters.

Senior Austin Grandstaff, who averages 30.2 points per game according to MaxPreps.com, led Rockwall with 14, while Cameron Schmucler added 12 for the Jackets. Travis Lewis put up eight, Joseph Williams scored seven, Jay Galloway chipped in five, and Sam Edwards and Daniel Smith each added four.

After hosting Sachse on Tuesday to continue District play, Rockwall will travel to Rowlett Friday for a 7 p.m. game against the Eagles.

Jackets take first at Cy-Fair wrestling tournament

by Ryan Garrett

The Rockwall High School varsity wrestlers traveled began 2015 traveling to Houston to compete in the Cypress-Fairbanks Wrestling Tournament Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3. In the team standing, the Yellowjackets took first place of the 76 competing teams.

Rockwall finished with a score overall score of 208.5. Also in the top ten were Vista Ridge (189.0), Klein (175.0), San Antonio Reagan (169.0), San Antonio Churchill (160.5), The Woodlands (156.0), Houston Cypress Lakes (155.5), Houston Westside (149.5), Katy Seven Lakes (146.0) and Corpus Christi King (140.0).

In the individual competition, Heath Terry (170-pound class) and Armani Broussard (285-pound class) took first place, while 132-pounder Andrew Hyde placed second. Brandon Smith (106-pounds) finished in fourth, Ty Thomas (220-pounds) took fifth and James Taylor (145-pounds) took seventh. Jackie Mote also took seventh place in the girls' 165-pound class.

Also scoring for the Jackets, were 113-pounder Chase Howerton (4-2), 120-pounder Alex Moore (3-2), 126-pounder Everett Weddle (4-2), 138-pounder Jonathan Jonas (2-2), Jonah Ramos (3-2) and 195-pounder David Roland (2-2).

106-pounder Stevie Flowers (2-2), 138-pounder Kade McMahan (2-2) and 220-pounder Darin Thomas (3-2) also competed in Rockwall.

HCA faces challenges from Trinity Christian

Coming off their appearances at the Dallas Lakewood Presbyterian School Christmas Classic this week, the Heritage Christian Academy basketball teams would have an easy return to TAPPS District 3-3A play.

HCA is scheduled to play Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill Tuesday in the first games of the new year. The TCA girls finished 2014 tied for first place with Rock Oak Ovilla Christian School, having a game ahead of HCA. The Eagles boys' team (0-3 in the district) would take on first-place TCA-Cedar Hill (2-0). The girls are scheduled to play a 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

Also next week, the Lady Eagles and Eagles would play at Dallas Yavneh Academy Thursday and at Dallas First Baptist Academy Saturday.

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